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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, UK

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH SECRETARY

1. JEREMY THORPE, LEADER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY, HAS REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. THE MEETING COULD BE EITHER IN WASHINGTON, DURING THORPE'S NEXT VISIT TO THE U.S. (DATES NOT YET FIXED), OR IN LONDON WHENEVER THE SECRETARY IS NEXT HERE. THORPE INSISTS HE WOULD NOT TAKE UP MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES OF THE SECRETARY'S TIME.

2. IN THE COURSE OF MAKING THIS REQUEST TO DCM, THORPE MENTIONED THAT HE WAS CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF LIONEL PINDLING, PRIME MINISTER OF THE BAHAMAS. IF HE SEES SECRETARY, HE INTENDS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO CONVEY TO THE SECRETARY PINDLING'S KEEN DESIRE TO ENCOURAGE U.S. INVESTMENT IN THE BAHAMAS.

3. RECOMMENDATION: WE RECOMMEND THAT SECRETARY AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO RECEIVE THORPE FOR TEN OR FIFTEEN MINUTES. IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THE LIBERAL PARTY MAY HOLD THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE NEXT HOUSE OF COMMONS. IF IT THEN ENTERS A COALITION GOVERNMENT, THORPE WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE IN THE CABINET, POSSIBLY EVEN AS FOREIGN SECRETARY. IN ANY EVENT, SINCE LIBERAL PARTY NOW ENJOYS SUPPORT OF FIFTEEN TO TWENTY PERCENT OF BRITISH ELECTORATE, AS SHOWN BY  
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OPINION POLLS, SECRETARY MIGHT FIND IT USEFUL TO ESTABLISH PERSONAL CONTACT WITH PARTY'S LEADER.

4. GIVEN THORPE'S SPECIAL INTEREST IN PINDLING,  
SEPARATE AND LONGER MEETING MIGHT BE ARRANGED WITH  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH OR OTHER INTERESTED  
OFFICERS.

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